

GREATEST CITY IN UNION, MAYOR SMITH'S PLAN

Addition of Area as Large as Atlanta, Ga., Part of General Scheme

LARGEST PORT INCLUDED

The Smith Administration's plans for Philadelphia are not recent. The greatest city in the country is the Administration's aim. A new city within the city, stretching over suburban meadows and wooded hills to the river, is planned by the support of Philadelphia, in full during the next four years.

As the details of the plans for the completed city of the future were unfolded, the speakers and hand clapping drowned the speakers' words, but the sound was the evidence of support by the entire chapter.

Within four years," said Mr. Crawford, "you will see added to Philadelphia a new city, the city of the future. In the work of city planning we must look to the future with a broad mind. I shall turn to the Federal statistics of the population of 25 great American cities: a metropolitan census, they say. They go beyond the actual boundaries of the city, and show that the population of Philadelphia is nearly half as much as in the central section.

This," he continued, "was due to the fact that people are coming to Philadelphia from all over the country. The automobile greatly aided in the development. That is one of the great facts in city planning—the extension of suburbs so that the city's people may breathe the pure country air as much as possible. That is what one of our main aims will be, we hope.

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Mr. Crawford said: "There we locate the future great port of Philadelphia—a port unsurpassed in all the world. We can build wharves and docks there and 200 feet long, while now they are only 20 feet. Already three wharves, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Philadelphia and Reading and the Pennsylvania pass through that section, so our shippers would have rail facilities running right to their docks.

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The rumble of the subway train or trolley would down the crash of glass, and the boys, it is alleged, would reach in through the window and grab all articles within their reach. The youths, the police allege, had a tendency to steal revolvers, and it is stated that they obtained about 25 of these weapons from the windows of pawnshops. These the boys sold, it is alleged, to persons in their neighborhood. Some of the revolvers have been recovered.

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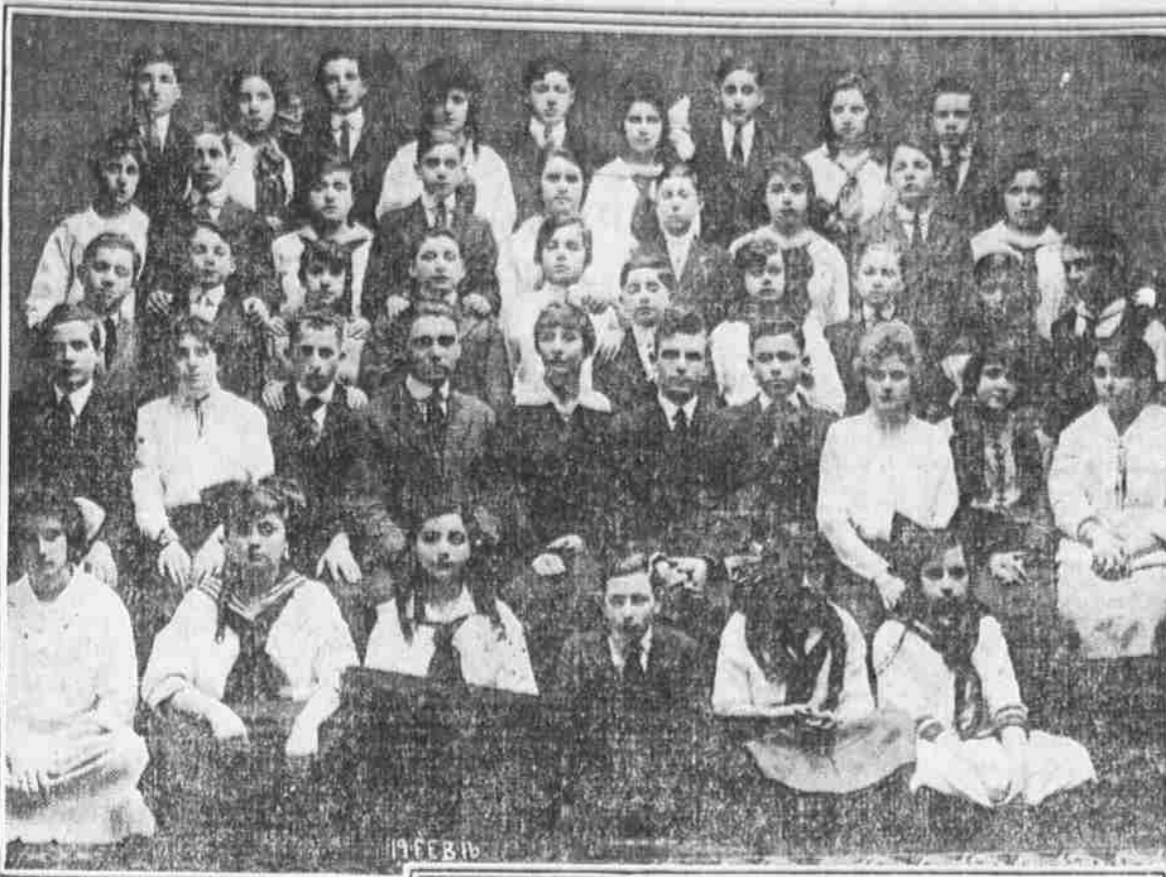
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DEADLY WEAPONS LOOT OF THREE SMALL BOYS OF 'MURDER SQUAD'

Police Say Prisoners, Ranging From 13 to 15 Years, Confessed Robbing Stores of Pistols and Knives

'PROFESSIONAL' METHODS

Confession of a series of daring robberies of hardware stores and Chinese laundries in West Philadelphia by a band of small boys, who called themselves "the Murder Squad," was made today by three youths at the 25th street and Lancaster avenue station.

The boys under arrest are William Bird, 15 years old, 556 Union street; Eugene Ennis, 12 years old, 717 Union street; and William Shanahan, 13 years old, 251 Market street. They are being held for a hearing in the House of Detention. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a fourth boy, and it is expected that others will be taken into custody. The arrests clear up a number of robberies of hardware stores in the West Philadelphia section which have baffled the police for several weeks.

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HOWARD FURNESS SCHOOL GRADUATES 80 TONIGHT

More Than Thousand Invitations Issued for Exercises

Eighty pupils will be graduated tonight from the commencement exercises of the Howard Furness Public School, 21 and 23rd streets, and the boys of the graduating class will be the first to enter the new addition to the Boys' High School, at Broad street and Snyder avenue. More than a thousand invitations have been sent out for the exercises tonight, which will be held in the main auditorium of the school. The graduating class is divided into two groups, one in charge of Miss A. G. Campbell and the other in charge of William K. Abadie.

The program includes dancing by Miss Louise Segal; selections on the violin by Morris Sate; a melody of popular airs by Edward Blatt, 5 years old; violin selections by Louis Steinberg; selections by a trio, Arthur Blank, Nathan Shapiro and Leon Blatt, and a vocal duet by Miss Besse Kaplan and Leon Blatt.

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\$19,000,000 JUMP IN VALUATION OF PHILA. ELECTRIC CO.

New York Expert's Estimate of \$70,000,000 Surprises Public Service Commission

EFFORT TO HURRY CASE

Discrepancy in the valuation of the Philadelphia Electric Company's property, as made by the company's expert witnesses, was the outstanding feature today of the continued hearing before the Public Service Commission of charges by former Director Cooke and others that the company's rates for inadequate services are exorbitant.

An entirely new estimate of the "present fair valuation" of the property was offered today by P. D. H. Paine, of New York, an engineer and financial expert, giving direct testimony for the company. He placed the valuation between \$7,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

This brought a query from Commissioner John Monaghan, why a discrepancy existed between this figure and the figure estimated by Prof. Duval G. Jackson, the company's appraisal expert, who recently testified that after 18 months of appraisal he valued the property at about \$1,000,000. The Paine estimate also was about 15 per cent. greater than the "actual valuation" made by Mr. Cooke.

"Wherein does this discrepancy of \$13,000,000 or so exist?" asked the commissioner. After several futile attempts to learn where the difference lay, Commissioner Monaghan commented: "There is such a great discrepancy that it tends to make both figures valueless. I see you give full valuation to \$25,000,000 of certificates and stock which were included in the original valuation figure," he added. "In consideration of the fact that this company was organized about 30 years ago and of the attending circumstances, do you not think that we can well assume that 50 cents on the dollar was not actually paid in?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Paine. Efforts to hasten the completion of the hearing were made by Commissioner Monaghan, who inquired what had become of the committee appointed six weeks ago, representing the complainants, the defendant and the commission, to estimate the original cost of the company's property.

"The report was to be made today," he said. "Where is it? I want all this phase of the hearing settled by next Thursday." General Frederick W. Pfeiffer, chief counsel for the company, disclaimed any responsibility for the delay. After a conference the counsel for the complainants and defendant were instructed to consult with their accountants and engineers who are to present the report.

Big Four Clerks on Strike INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 27.—Fifty railroad clerks on the Big Four railroad were on strike here today, and before night, G. B. Harris, chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, says 100 more will walk out. Harris says 20 freight handlers will join them. The question of wages doesn't figure, the clerks demanding only recognition of the union.

U. S. IS INVOLVED IN DISPUTES WITH 5 BELLIGERENTS

Lusitania Case, Blockade Issue and Handling of Armed Liners Unsettled

FRANCE TO GET PROTEST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Diplomatic problems continued multiplying today. France and Italy were new countries involved in new disputes over blockade of Germany and mounting of guns on Italian liners, respectively. With England, lines were drawn for renewal of negotiations over the orders in council with Germany, negotiations for final settlement of the Lusitania case suffered a brief respite while this Government's demands are being considered in Berlin.

The State Department was today considering a new and separate protest to France over French cooperation with England in enforcing the British orders in council blocking Germany. The debate in Parliament over the blockade was closely studied. The Administration, on a recent, has little hope of concessions from the Allies in reply to its note notifying England that it would not recognize the "paper blockade." Announcement that France will aid England and is joining in the forthcoming note to this country was regarded by officials as favoring inclusion of France in future protests.

All developments in the blockade situation according to belief here in official circles, tend toward an eventual offer of arbitration of the blockade issues, officials are convinced that England, with France's support, intends to continue the blockade, but interference with slight concessions wherever possible to appease the neutrals.

BRITAIN DECIDES AGAINST FORMAL BLOCKADE OF FOE

Sir Edward Grey Triumphs Over Proponents of Drastic Policy

STILL BURNING ISSUE

LONDON, Jan. 27.—British leaders who have opposed the establishment of a blockade because of the effect it would have on neutral nations expressed high approval today of the action of the Government in staying off any action that might have further alienated the sympathies of non-belligerents.

Sir Edward Grey's speech has apparently won a triumph for his policy, and it is declared that the question of a blockade is for the time being at least relegated to the backburn.

The criticism that has recently been leveled at the Foreign Secretary, Sir Edward Grey, was noticeably lessened today as a result of the matterly way in which he handled the blockade issue for the Government.

The anti-government press, headed by the Northcliffe papers, says that "for the time being consideration of the interests of neutral nations has again defeated the measure that was needed to make Britain a sure winner in the war." The Opposition newspapers condemn Sir Edward Grey in sharp editorial utterances. While the matter left just where it was when A. S. Benn, a Unionist member, introduced his blockade resolution and Sir Edward Grey stated the Government's position, the blockade question will remain a burning issue.

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